

information from the telephony environments to the telephony applications. In particular, as taught by the present invention defined in independent claims 1, 6 and 8, the telephony server is automatically configured to select one telephony environment selected by a telephony application upon receipt of a selection message of the one telephony environment from the telephony application. In other words, the specific telephony environment is selected by the telephony application, and the telephony server is automatically configured accordingly upon receipt of the selection message from the telephony application.

The applicants do not agree with the assertion of the Examiner that the present invention as defined in independent claims 1, 6 and 8 is anticipated by Rogers et al (US Patent No. 5,946,386). In particular, the distinguishing features in the claims as underlined above are not disclosed or implied in Rogers et al, as explained in detail below.

Rogers et al teaches a Call Management System which comprises a call management computer 101 to intercept between the CO trunks 102 and the PBX trunks 105 of the business organization (see Figure 1), and a user workstation computer 114 (read as “telephony application”) connected to the call management computer 101 (read as “telephony server”) for a user 113 to control and monitor the calls between the CO 103 and the telephone terminal (e.g., telephone instrument 106) conveyed over the CO and PBX trunks 102 and 105 (read as “telephony environments”), with the help of a proper conversion provided by the call management computer 101 between the trunks 102 and 105.

The applicants is aware that, in Rogers, a call can be originated by the workstation computer 114 which instructs call management computer 101 to establish a call to a destination. However, Rogers does not teach that the originating workstation computer 114 selects which type of the trunks 102 and/or 105 (telephony environment) is to be used for the call. In fact, as disclosed in Rogers, depending upon the destination provided by the workstation computer 104, the call management

computer 101 selects an available, appropriate CO trunk 102 or PBX trunk 105 for the call (see col. 10, lines 48-60 and col. 14, lines 51-55). Therefore, in Rogers, no selection of telephony environment (trunks 102, 105) is made by the telephony application (workstation computer 114), and therefore no selection message can be received from the workstation computer 114 as to which one of the telephony environments is selected. The telephony server (call management computer 101) makes its selection of the telephony environment without a receipt of any selection message of the telephony environment from the workstation computer 114.

It is acknowledged that in Rogers various types of call (voice, fax, data, etc) can be originated by the workstation computer 114. However, selecting a type of call does not mean selecting a type of telephony environment (one of the trunks 102 and 105) since the same type of call can be implemented in different telephony environments. For example, if a voice call is originated by the workstation computer 114, the call management computer 104 may select an analog trunk, Internet or other trunks to implement the voice call.

Therefore, it can not be found in Rogers that the telephony server is automatically configured to select one telephony environment selected by the telephony application upon receipt of a selection message of the one telephony environment from the telephony application, as defined in independent claims 1, 6 and 8. Thus, the applicants believe claims 1, 6 and 8 are not anticipated by Rogers under 35 USC §102(e) and are therefore patentable. At least for the same reasons, dependent claims 3-5, 7, 9-10 and 21-25 are also patentable as each having included all limitations of one of the three independent claims.

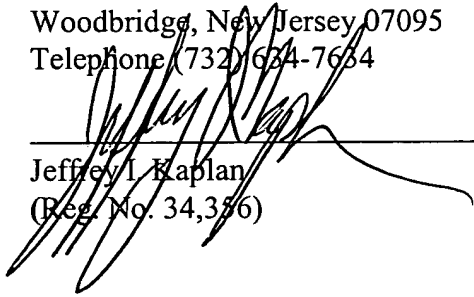
The applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the

above remarks. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our
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